Con's Part in the Reuniting

By FRANK H. SWEET

NON was the first to reach the wrecked steamer; but then ten of n's 14 years had been spent mostly n the great south bay, and he was ore familiar with it than the ion men themselves. His little ter was only large enough to rry two besides himself, but he had ten three loads to the Long Island ore before the first of the other

ters arrived. Then they all

prked together as rapidly as possi for the vessel was sinking The last woman to leave was on Con had noticed several times as he loaded his craft with women or children; she had been conspicuous among them, encouraging and helping, and insisting that all the weake should leave before herself. Now, as he swung his scooter alongside the vessel, whose rails were almost to the water's edge, she came straight to him, assisting a tall, powerfully built man, whose pale face and languid air proclaimed him an invalid. As Con saw him he caught his breath sharp ly and made a motion as though to spring forward. Except for his pale face and slightly stooping shoulders the man seemed an exact counterpart of his own father.

Can you take us on your-scoot accent on the word "scooter." "I have noticed you a number of times, and like your way of doing things. We will be very glad if you can take us."

Thank you, and I shall be glad, too," answered Con, heartily. "I have been hoping that you could be my passenger. I-I noticed you a num of times, too, and liked your way of doing things."

The lady laughed as he reached out to assist her, but motioned for the man to take his place first. Then she allowed him to place her in the scooter.

"It seems a case of mutual liking." she said, as she watched him jibe his craft into the wind and grasp the til-"But I think I was as much attracted by your resemblance to my brother-in-law here and to my husband as to your way of doing things. They used to do things in much the same manner, long ago," her eyes growing far away in their gaze and er voice wistful

"It seems strange," she went on presently, "that after all these years should come across the ocean and b wrecked again at almost the very place where they were lost."

Constance," said the man, gently,

ger," she said.

isr't nearly so much danger as people

"I was not thinking of the danger, my boy, but of other things," she reot forget you and your scooter after go back home. But you must tell e your name, so that I can feel I ous, cannot be seen. w you more personally."

"It's Connamore-Fernald Conna- DIG DIAMONDS IN STREETS ore," he replied, "just like my fath-There's only just us two, and e've lived around here ever since I was a baby. Father's in the life

The lady had half risen, a startled "We have many kinfolk over here,

e said, "and Fernald is a common ather impossible, I might say." ach, there were willing hands to allotted to him. elp them out. But as the lady went ward to inquire after some of the jekly to Con.

about our names—an astounding one, I might say," he began hurriedly. "I scited. She has been through a as \$400 each. reat deal. Now what sort of man is our father? Does he-heatleman hesitated, seeming at a es for words, adding rather incom ently: "The men around here drink quite a good deal, I suppose

"Yes, sir, some of them. "Of course! of course! Most seaaring men do. And your father Con's shoulders squared, and his cyes blazed.
"My father never drank anything

stronger than water." he burst out. even coffee. All the other men the station, when they come back rom a wreck chilled and exhausted, ake something to revive and trengthen them. But my father would never touch a drop, and he did

work than any of them. "I beg your pardon, my boy; no narm was meant," the gentleman ecting, half hoping for a miracle here was keen disappointment in his ce and voice. "I was thinking of pt for this failing. He was a

man I once knew, one of the best ren that God ever made, I believe, hard drinker, a-a perfect sot at to be accurate. And once, then the greatest duty that can come to a man's life met bim, he was helpless and—and those he loved drowned. But you speak of that your father did. I hope he isn't

hospital two days ago, while I was they would have on a tug to New York, Con ac-

at the hotel this evening," she said. "I shall be out until then. I only expect to remain here a day or two, and must utilize every moment. As soon as the hospital is open I am going to see your father. He must be a brave man from what you have told me, and I have a warm feeling for brave men, and for all who have to do with the sea."

Ten minutes after the hospital was open to visitors Con was sitting by his father's cot. The boy's eyes were blinded by tears.

"I-I didn't suppose it was anything like this, father," he choked.
"They didn't hint anything about you losing an arm-and the right

arm, too. Oh, father!" "It might easily have been much vorse," said his father, quietly. "I was never more full of determination "Rising in the World, or Architects of Fate," Etc.)" worse," said his father, quietly. "I was never more full of determination



"OH FATHER!

than I am now. I have one arm left and soon I can go out again as a strong man among strong men, to go on with my work. Sometimes, Con er?" the lady asked, with an amused I used to think that but for you I ent or ability than to enthusiasm. No would be glad to give up the struggle, it seemed so long and dreary, the been put aside. Once I-I failed, at a supreme moment, and now all the work that God will permit me to do cannot-but never mind that, Con,' trying to control his voice. "The operation has left me weak and wan-

There was a sudden rustling of soft garments, a subtle perfume in the air. Both turned; then came a sharp cry from the cot: "Constance! Constance! My God!

Alive! "Fernald! Fernald! Fernald!"

Con looked from one to the other wonderingly, then with sudden comprehension. Something choked in his throat, and he turned away. But only for a moment, then the woman's arms closed about his neck.

ATMOSPHERE AS A PRISM. Refracts the Sun's Rays and Produces the Peculiar Green Color Seen at Sunset.

A green ray at supset is sufficiently well known to make unnecessary any "Yes, I know what you would say, mention of the beauty of the spectacle and failure to discover the secret of the last. He throws himself into his work, brother; but you need not fear. I have and the ordinary conditions of its obschooled myself to the first great servation. The ray may be seen on beau-enthusiasm that men thought him a rewards it will bring, but for the love of grief; else I could never have come tiful evenings on the seashore and else- fool. God's fool he was with a great hope it. He who respects his work so highhere again, as I have been wanting to where, although the intensity is varia- in his heart, for the realization of which by (and does it so reverently) that he so many years. I shall not break ble in general, it is necessary that the he gladly suffered the loss of all things, cares little what the world thinks of it, down. I owe that much to you, who state of the atmosphere be such that the It was only his burning zeal in the purhave been so good in taking this long horizon may be clearly distinguished suit of his ideal that kept him alive dur- at last to think a great deal. journey just to indulge my whim. I as the solar disk sinks behind it. In ing the long years of toil and privation —I think I will be ready to go back explanation of the green ray recourse that preceded his triumph. Writing of the preceded his been had to the theory of an optical that preceded his triumph. Writing of the preceded his been had to the theory of an optical that preceded his been had to the theory of an optical that preceded his preceded his been had to the theory of an optical that preceded his preceded his preceded his been had to the theory of an optical that preceded his preced turned to Con, wistfully, with tears in of the sun, which at the moment of the form nor prominence of muscle on my thusiasm. The Maid of Orleans, with her eyes, though her lips were smil-of the sun becomes affected by the com-throughout of one size, so that the gar-ner and her secred sword, her consecrated ban-ner and her belief in her great misnot been satisfactory, and it has been at once, when I walked, down upon my suggested, says a writer in La Nature heels, with the stockings, too. I was that the atmosphere acts as a prism, redespised and mocked by all." think-or if there is, one gets used fracting the last juminous ray from the It was enthusiasm which enabled Cyto it and don't mind. You-you spoke sun at the time of its disappearance and rus W. Field, after 13 years of effort and of being wrecked here twice," trying to decomposing and spreading it out ac- defeat, to lay the Atlantic cable. It was make his voice reassuring; but there cording to the succession of colors of enthusiasm, in spite of carping critics, isn't the least bit of danger now. I'll the spectrum. The red, orange and yell that sped Stephenson's locomotive to its confused with the solar point of which that sent Fulton's "Polly" on its sucthey have the color, but the eye perurned with a sad smile. "And I shall ceives clearly the green and blue rays may and consternation of his croaking while the indigo and violet, which are the most dispersed and the most lumin-

The Unemployed in Kimberley, South Africa, Given Privileges by Municipal Council.

London.-Latest news from South look of inquiry in her eyes. But the Africa brings a report that the municipal council of Kimberley, finding the town full of unemployed because strikes and the consequences of the amily name. It is an odd, coinci- late war, allowed the idle inhabitants but not at all remarkable, or to tear up the streets and search the macadam for diamonds on condition the scooter grated upon the that each man should replace the space

It was known that the macadam of the streets had been originally taken orien, and children the man turned from the debris of the diamond mines and talk of great jewels hidden in it had been common.

As it is each workman found from \$2,000 to \$5,000 in diamond dust, som ot wish my sister-in-law to get jewels discovered being valued as high

LOVE'S SPRINGTIME

My heart was winter-bound until I heard you sing; O voice of Love, hush not, but fill My life with Spring!

My hopes were homeless things before I saw your eyes; O smile of Love, close not the door

My dreams were bitter once, and then I found them bliss; O lips of Love, give me again

Springtide of Love! The secret sweet O heart of Love, at last you bent -Frank Dempster Sherman, "Lyrics

A Holiday Appeal, sungster sighs, when Chris

comes, For hobby-horses and for drums. And jumping-jacks and sieds and toys. Such as delight the hearts of boys. He sometimes feels resentment faint, Although he utters no compinint. When hopes of pinytime gifts take wings and "Santy" brings him "useful thing

What cares he for a brand-new suit what cares he for a brand-new su Who has no striped horn to toot, Or for a cap to bide his head Who has no wagon phinted red?

Ah, what were life to grown-up folk Without the plaything and the joke. Without the smile which folly brings—With just a world of "useful things—Washington Star.

London.-Walter Whitehead, the wel known Manchester surgeon, believes it ossible that cancer may be due to bad Addressing the students of the teeth. Victoria Dental hospital the other day next morning they were all a bouse for a man with bad teeth was ting the lady turned to him. purest air as he breathed it, and containing the lady turned to him.

MIGHTY POWER OF ENTHUSIASM AGAINST OBSTACLES IN THE PATHWAY TO SUCCESS.

'Dead-in-Earnest' Men-What Some of Them Have Accomplished-Talent of Less Importance Than Zeal.

By Orison Swett Marden.

ff Tow is it, Mr. Garrick," said I learned bishop to the famous "that you can, by your acting, persuade people that a made-up story is while I have difficulty in making them believe the real and h?" "Is it not, my lord," was the rebly, "that you preach the truth as if you did not believe , while I act that which is not true as if I did believe it?"

The enthusiasm for his art which nade David Garrick the greatest actor of his time, is absolutely essential to high achievement in any field of endeavor. You will search in vain, in all the wide range of history or biography, for any record of a balf-hearted or indifferent worker who accomplished anything for himself or for humanity. The martyrs, the inventors, the artists, the musicians, the poets, the great writers, the heroes, the pioneers of civilization, the movers of every great enterprisethose of every race and clime who have led the world upward from the dawn of history to the twentieth century-have been enthusiasts, opnsecrated, dead-inearnest, people.

Enthusiasm Clears the Way. Success is often due less to unusual talbarrier, however formidable, no obstacle, however insurmountable it may walting. But that weakness has all seem to the timid or faint-hearted, can bar the way to a determined youth filled with etnhusiasm for a high ideal.

Lincoln was consumed with a desire for an education. He walked six miles to borrow a grammar, and after returning home with it studied its intricacies by the light of pine knots. He worked out problems in arithmetic on a wooder shovel by the glow of a log fire. He did not dream of high office in those tollsome days and nights, when his love of learning urged him to keep a book in the cracks of the logs in the loft, where he slept, so that he might have it at hand at peep of day; but who shall say that this early enthusiasm in pursuit of knowledge did not lead to the white use and make him the liberator of a

race? The world makes way for the man who believes in his mission. No matter what objections may be raised or how dark the outlook may be, he believes in his power to transform into a reality the vision which he alone sees. Enthusiasm makes him proof against every discouragement.

Palissy's Long Struggle. Palissy, toiling in the face of poverty white enamel, was so intoxicated with not for the fame or honor, or material

low rays are the less deviated and are triumphant goal. It was enthusiasm

ters with which I tied my stockings were

detractors. Whether we turn our eyes to the past or to the present, we find no great or useful achievement which is not the resuit of this master passion. Whether it be the ordering of a house or the lawmaking of a statesman for a nation, the management of a business or the teaching of a school, the painting of a picture or the perfecting of an invention, this himself, irresistible as a river rushing vitalizing element must be present or to the sea.

the result will be either total failure or only half a success. High Requirement from All. The man who feels no thrill of joy in his daily labor, who is only driven to it open to the earnest, enthusiastic youth by the spur of necessity, who goes of to-day. This is preeminently the through it conscientiously, it may be, age of young men and young women but merely as the performance of a dis- Every occupation, every agreeable duty, is almost sure to fall in every department of life is clamorous life. When young men or young women | for enthusiastic young workers, work in such a spirit there is something fatally wrong. Either they have mistaken their calling and are wearing bull. What youth or maiden can fail to their lives away in a fruitless attempt to respond with enthusiasm to the demand do that well which they should never have undertaken, or they need inward However humble your work may be Illumination. They want to be roused to the fact that the world needs their it is advancing or retarding the interbest work; that no half-hearted, indif- ests of humanity. What a touch of subferent efforts will justify them before the Creator, who has given us talente not to be folded in a napkin and re- mate the spirit and nerve the hand of turned to Him intact in the final render- the youngest as well as of the oldest! ing of accounts, but to be put out at interest, to be increased ten-fold, twenty- high ideals, strength of character-all fold, a hundred-fold, according to each these are indispensable to the young mar

one's ability and opportunity. There is in every one the power to do good work of some sort, work that will to make a whole man. If enthusiasr count for the benefit of humanity. Every man is born to do some particular thing in which he can excel if he will, Let him find what that thing is early in greatest charm, its most potent power life, give himself to it heart and soul, with all the enthusiasm of which he is that moves the world, will be missing capable, and no power on earth, no one and no other force under heaven can take save himself can put limitations upon its place. his achievement. Out of the place to which nature has assigned kim, no man can be enthusiastic; in that place there should be no bounds to his enthusiasm. have a war every five years and then

Ruckstuhl's Rise to Fame. "A man in earnest finds means," says Channing, "or if he cannot find, creates ten years of summer holidays. It is word whose meaning or pronunciation them." When F. Wellington Ruckstuhl discovered that art claimed him for her thers who mourn and the homes that are own, he literally created the means to darkened simply because the young peostudy and develop his talent. His de- pie will take chances that they have no termination to become a sculptor was business to take. Death may part the strenuously opposed by his friends. He young man from his canoe. Good adwas working in a store in St. Louis at vice cannot. "Ephraim is joined to his the time, and when he told his employer Idols," and the victims of the canoe habof his decision, the latter could scarce- it will neither keep out of the canoes ly believe that he meant what he said. nor be careful while they are in canoes "Why, young man," he exclaimed, "are —Toronto Telegram. you going to throw up the chance of a lifetime? I will give you \$5,000 a year and promote you to be manager if you lt will be remembered that in the Boer will remain with me." But Mr. Ruck- war Great Britain paid for a cargo of stuhl had found his life work; his en- foodstuffs sent from the United State thusiasm was kindled, and twice \$5,000 to a Portuguese port, and alleged to be would not tempt him to forsake his ideal. Intended for the Boers. By this pay-He possessed only \$250, but his poverty cid not daunt him. He went abroad ble evidence of her adherence to the traveled through Europe for five American idea that food is not contramonths, visited the French salon, and band.—The Outlook.

returned to America pennilses, but with a deeper insight into art and a great-er love for it than before. He then re-solved to return to Paris and study there for three years. Again be met with

iscouragement. His friends ridi-uled the idea, but nothing could turn HABIT OF MUCH SUPERFICIAL him from his purpose. Fortunately his enthusiasm, united with his marked tal-ent, convinced others of his ability to READING LEADS TO HALF DOING OTHER THINGS.

succeed, and he secured in St. Louis or-ders for several busis at \$200 each, to be done after his return from Paris.

Mr. Ruckstuhl is now one of our fore

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notor for the achievement of your put

Lethargy Fatal to Progress.

I have in mind at the moment an es

ceptionally talented young man, a grad-

who is simply drifting-drifting to fail-

ure-because of his lack of enthusiasm.

With him life is a thing to be endured

rather than a great privilege to be prized and made the most of. His spir-

itual nature has not been awakened. He

has never been aroused to the dignity of

man's mission on earth, to the nobil-

ity of labor or to his own responsibil

itles to be a living, forceful factor in

No, there is no substitute for en

thusiasm. It makes all the difference

between a half heart and a whole heart

between defeat and victory. The young

man who hopes to succeed to-day must

be dominated by his purpose, must be

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ent man who is in love with his work

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udifference are fatal to progress.

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the appliances I need and am my own

master, I continue to find my greatest

that precedes what the world calls suc-

Divine Zeal Irresistible.

This is ever the spirit of the enthus

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zeal carried everything before it.

land, with the resources of the great

never have been gained but for the in

spiration of a noble cause. An enthus-

instic love of liberty thrilled the hearts

of the colonists, nerved their arms and

It is enthusiasm of this kind, enthus

"This world is given as a prize

the world of endeavor and achievemen

world's interests are, under God, in the

hands of the young," says Dr. Trum-

of such a tremendous responsibility.

never forget that your manner of doing

limity this conception of work gives to

all human endeavor! How it should ani-

Truth, honesty, faithfulness to duty

the quickening touch of the spirit that

makes man in a special sense one with

God, be lacking, life will be shorn of its

Death Dealing Cano

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mpairs Mental Power-Great Think ers Always Thorough Readers -Macaulay's Rule for

Concentration. By Dr. Orison Swett Marden.

must thrill with enthusiasm, must re (Editor Success Magazine, New York.) spond to the demands of your work as BEWARE of the man of one book," Said Dr. Johnson. "Beware of a lover responds to the smile of his loved one. There is little hope of success for the man who knows one thing well. He the youth who starts out in life withou is a dangerous antagonist." enthuslasm. He may possess talent Thoroughness is the foundation of

even genfus; he may be brilliant and clever; he may be popular and enter-taining, but if he lacks this divine spark, tents, apex-eveything. this vitalizer of human energies, he wil A smattering of books, no matter never achieve anything of importance

how extensive, will never strengthen the intellect or enlarge the mind. The mere book tester is as ignorant of literature, as unappreciative of the true riches of books as the globe trotter is of the countries through which he rushes, merely to be able to say that he has been in them. Mental Dissipation.

Life may be crippled by a habit of superficial or desultory reading, for such reading weakens the mind, impairs the memory, undermines the powers of application and persistence, and for wholeness of life, which is the crown of character.

People who read with half a mind. who turn from one book to another skimming here and there, and not read ing any thoroughly or to the close, will soon begin to half do other things or leave them unfinished. The habit will manifest itself in every phase of their

indefinitely more for life than the tentalent man who is indifferent or halfkind is greatly increased by the enorhearted. Coldness, lukewarmness and mous recent multiplication of litera ture, and is a menace to depth of cul-In reply to the question: "To what do ture, especially to dwellers in cities you attribute your success?" John Wanamaker replied: "To thinking, Anxious to be able to say that they have read the latest "best-selling books of the month," and desirous of being This is what it means to be enthusiastic regarded as aufait in literary matters in one's work-to think about it, to toil for its successful accomplishment, to try many people are silly enough to try to skim through a hundred books and and try and try again, in spite of obmagazines in a month, without any stacles, discouragements and mistakes, to push it forward and, above all, to have effort or wish to appropriate and make their own the thoughts they containthat is any of them that contain a What may not even a boy do when thought worth remembering, which his whole heart is in his work? To the enthusiasm of the boy Edison is due | cannot be said of many of our "best the achievements of the "wizard" of

selling books." Menlo Park. "Life was never more full This is the worst sort of mental dis of joy to me," he said recently, "than sipation and the most pernicious in its when, a poor boy, I began to think out results. It is the kind of "multifaimprovements in telegraphy and to exrious reading" which Rev. F. W. Robertson says "weakens the mind more appliances. And now that I have all than doing nothing, for it becomes a necessity at last, like smoking, and is an excuse for the mind to lie dormant pleasure, and so my reward, in the work | while thought is poured in, and runs through a clear stream, over unproductive gravel, on which not even mosses

> No superficial reader ever became an exact or great scholar or an authority on any subject. No matter how many school and college diplomas you may hold, if you are not educated, for it is thoroughness in reading that gives breadth and solidity to education, as it is thoroughness in work that gives strength and stability to character. Desultory Reading Bad.

good book thoroughly read, d rested and assimilated until it becomes thousands of volumes.

the whole French army such as neither king nor statesmen could produce. Her study it thoroughly he will have a better Our own struggle for Independence one else but a specialist. So, if you abmarked the triumph of a mighty ensorb and make apart of your life a few thuslasm. The victory of untrained, great books, instead of squandering your undisciplined farmers, backwoodsmen and mechanics, poorly armed, poorly ulties by attempting to swallow, withclad and poorly fed over the completely out digesting every volume that comes equipped, perfectly arilled hosts of Engman or woman than any but a specialisest empire in the world behind them in literature. was little short of miraculous. It could

Probably not one reader in a hundred to-day could give an intelligent synopsis of a book he has just read. The matter lies a confused heap, and undefined nebulous mass in his mind.

made them indifferent to hunger, cold, Whatever is taken into the menta chamber, without any attempt at classiiasm born of a divine belief in one's fication or systematic arrangement. work, that makes an individual a host in merely induces mental dyspepsia. After a while the mind becomes so clogged with prassimilated material that it is unable to act with quickness or certainty the men in carnest," says F W. Robert- It losses confidence and elasticity. Th very power to think actively and deson. There is practically no limit to finitely is destroyed by the habit of superficial reading.

It is to many an unpleasant task, afte reading a book or listening to a sermon of lecture, to write out an analysis of i But it is by the expercise of such pains taking thoroughness that the Websters. the Choates, the Lincolns, the Clays and and if, like Gladstone, always is pre- fruit, vegetables, etc. Information is the Gladstones are made.

Make Notes as You Read Those who have gotten the most out of ooks have not only read and re-read them with eager, absorbing attention but have also made copious notes on the margins, on the fly-leaves, between th lines, or else in notebooks kept for the purpose.

times inconvenient, to stop reading to make notes, but it is the price fan writers, orators and scholars have paid for their accumulated knowledge The libraries of many great men show who would carve out for himself a sucthat their books were their quarries cessful career, but they are not enough

their reservoirs of thought, their ma terial for future use, for they are full of notes, and in some cases blank leaves tions and criticisms. Much of what we admire as unusua

of achievement. Its very soul, the lever ing pains, and most of us, by taking pains with our reading, as well as with other things, could double and treble our (Copyright, 1903, By Joseph B. Bowles.) power and usefulness. Taking copious notes, reading and re Abolish the canoe and Canada migh

> tionary, and if possible, committing the air.-N. Y. Globe. some of the finest passages to memory this is the only way to read with profit. Many will object that such a metho would take too much time. But even the most brilliant intellects found no short

cut to knowledge by reading. Franklin advised everybody to with a pen in hand and to make notes commonplace books and make notes of

their reading. Macaulay's Rule. Henry Ward Beecher, in the course of a conversation on reading, said great point is to read nothing without reflection. Dr. Macaulay, who sed to preach in New York, told me read enthusiastically, but that at the foot of every page he read he stopped and obliged himself to give an account of what he had read on that page. At first he had to read it three or four times before he got his mind firmly fixed. But he rigorously compelled him-self to conform to the process, until now, he says, after he has read a book

through once, he can almost recite it from beginning to end. It is a very simple habit to form early in life, and is invaluable for acquiring accuracy and thorough knowledge of the mate-rial with which a man has to deal." It is recorded that Macaulay, the great English historian and essayist, adopted a similar plan of reading in

Harriet Martineau said of herself: " am the slowest of readers-sometimes page an hour is all I read."

"I never knew but one or two fareaders, or readers of many books whose knowledge was worth any thing," observes Rev. F. W. Robertson In reading it is foundation, solid conming, never turning aside to merely inviting books; and the thoughts of Plato, Aristotle, Thucydides, Sterne and Jonathan Edwards have passed, 'like the iron atoms of the blood, into my mental constitution.'

"My mother compelled me to learn, by daily toil, long chapters of the Bible by heart," says Ruskin, "and to his discipline I owe not only my knowledge of this work, but also much of my get eral power for taking pains and the best part of my taste in literature." If men and women whose intellectua pre-eminence has made them guide-posts for future generations, had to be so patient and laborious in forming destroys that desire for completeness, correct reading habits, can the average for wholeness of life, which is the boy or girl of the twentieth century afford to take less pains?

Wealth of Reading a Snare. The fact that the majority of people to-day are less thorough in their reading than were their grandfathers and grandmothers is largely owing to the bewildering mass of books, magazines and newspapers at their command in libraries, clubs and reading rooms, and to be obtained for a few cents at book stalls, or in department stores.

We usually appreciate advantages according to the difficulty of obtaining them, and it frequently happens that it is not the boy who is brought up in an atmosphere of books, who has easy access to immense libraries and reading rooms, and who has perhaps a score of magazines coming to his home each month, who gains most from his opportunities. How often is it the ountry lad, to whom books are a luxury, who may never have seen a library, but who devours the few vol umes he can borrow as if he would never see them again, who is heard from in after life. Lincoln got more real good out of the half dozen books to which he had access as a youth than many a modern boy ever gets out of the great city libraries and reading cooms which are constantly open to him.

Busy people complain that they have not time to read carefully, that their reading must be done "on the fly." on the trains, on cars or ferryboats, or on heir way to and from store or office. or not at all. Others say that they cannot reserve any special time for reading, and that it is impossible, in the midst of household duties or other distractions, to seize odd intervals of leisure and read connectedly or with any degree of profit.

All May Have Culture.

It is not necessary to have a prescribed time for reading, or a cartain number, of hours a day to devote to it in of concentration has been fixed in boylike the iron atoms in our blood, a part hood and girlhood we can read to ad-of ourselves, is worth more to a reader vantage, no matter what our environthan the thoughtless skimming over of ment or how limited or broken the time at our disposal. It would, of course, be Edward Everett Hale says that if a grently in our favor to have an hour or erson will take up some subject and two each day which we could count upon absolutely for mental culture. knowledge of it in one month than any- But because we have not is no reason why we should not be cultured if we desire to be. If the desire be there we will make the most of our opportunities. time and demoralizing your mental fac- as did Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith," who acquired namy images and solved difficult mathematical probin your way, you will be a better read lems during the pawes of his work at the forge.

Examples are not wanting to show us what may be done by the earnest-mind-

Standing in line with his fellow errand bys at the post office in Amsterdam. the eminent Greek explorer, Dr. Schilemann, with open book in hand, utilized the moments of waiting in laying the foundations of his future greatness. Amid the constant distractions of household cares, which were never neg-

"Mechanism of the Heavens," which gave her rank as one of the forement scientists of her day. It is not lack of time or opportunity, o much as lack of heart and earnestness, that prevents most of us from becoming

lected. Mary Somerville completed her

well-informed readers. If, like Robert Louis Stevenson, one onstantly carries a notebook and pencil in one pocket and a book in another; pared to turn to account the moments to be secured, by the assessors, conwhile waiting for a train, a car or s ferryboat, he will not only find time to read, but will also read with profit.

(Copyright, 1908, By Joseph B. Bowles,) Everything Here Short. The late M. A. Lower, the antiquary, is responsible for this Lullington ane dote: One Sunday morning the curate. a man of diminutive stature, preache rom the shortest text in the Bible "Jesus wept." to a congregation of a dozen people, and the offertory realized only 18 pence, whereupon a stranger remarked that it was the smallest church, the smallest congregation, the smallest parson, the shortest text and the smallest collection he had ever known.-Westminster Gazetta

Not Yet Horseless Age

Perhaps a time will come when ou streets and avenues will be horneless but it cannot yet be claimed that it is yet in sight. It will certainly not comest prices—prices which manifest a reading, with a mind entirely free from | tendency to increase rather than to dedistracting cares or thoughts, never crease. Even when the cost of a good leaving an obscure passage until it has machine is low-if such a period shall secome perfectly clear, never passing a ever arrive-doubtless we will continue to see Dobbin and the family chaise the we do not know without consulting a dic- approved method of many for getting

For Soldiers' Guidance

The cotton handkerchiefs provided for French soldiers have printed upor them a number of sanitary precepts to be observed on the march and during campaign, and are further decorates with medallions containing pictures of of all they read. Joseph Cook also ad- officers of all grades; the different univised all young men and women to keep forms being so distinctly portrayed that a French private can tell at a giance to what grade any officer he may see be

> longs. Working for His Living Citizen-See here, why do you beg! Mendicant-Why, a feller can't live

OFFERING TO HAWKEYE STATE EXPLAINED.

HOLDEN ON LECTURE TOUR

Ames Professor Will Undertake En terprise in March—Insanity in Iowa Increases—Census Takers Are Warned.

[Special Correspondence.]
Des Moines, Is., Dec. 26.—It is gen

erally believed here that the ten bonds representing a face value of \$1,000 each, which have been offered to the state of Iowa by a Philadelphian, signing himself John James, are involved in the scheme of a former United States senator of another state to collect \$20,000,000 in ancient obligations from the southern states. The bonds which concern Iowa bear interest which, with the principal, make the value of the documents about \$29,000. However, the Philadelphian points out, these cannot be collected by an individual, and if this state will undertake the task, the bonds will turned over. It is said that when the senator was in office he learned of a number of bonds which were outstanding and, being uncollectable by a private individual, he engineered a contract under which he was guaranteed bonds of North Carolina. Ten thousand dollars in these bonds were presented to South Dakota, and suit was begun in the supreme court against North Carolina for collection. South Dakota won and was given judgment against the southern state for \$30,000. It is declared that the senator hunted southern state bonds and made con- statistics for 1904 and 1903: tracts with them for the collection of their claims. Judgment having been secured for the state, it is believed to be the idea of those who represent the collectors that they can set before the government the fact that one class of creditors cannot be paid without consideration of another, thus bringing about the desired result. In the South Dakota case, judgment will be issued early in 1905. Meantime it is believed that disinterested states will be asked to accept bonds in order that suit may be begun in their names, Iowa is the be begun in their names. Iowa is the first state to receive the offer and will,

be begun in their names. Iowa is the first state to receive the offer and will, in all probability, reject it.

Holden to Tour State.

Prof. P. G. Holden, of the fowa State college, at Ames, and George A. Wells, of Des Moines, secretary of the Iowa Total different teachers employed. college, at Ames, and George A. Wells, of Des Moines, secretary of the Iowa Grain Buyers' association, have completed arrangements with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company to make a tour of the state about the Teachers needed for the middle of March, spreading the gospel of good seed corn. Prof. Holden, Sectoris teaching effects of stimulants.

Maie teachers enrolled in normal listitutes... riculturists will lecture on the subject. and it is expected that a great amount Stops of 30 minutes will be made at each station and brief speeches will be Average compensation delivered by the lecturers. A schedule will be published and notices of the Paid for teachers' sal tour spread broadcast, so that every farmer in the state will have an opportunity to profit by it. Many believe that other roads will follow the lead of the Northwestern, thus covering every section of lowa.

in all probability, reject it.

Lunacy on the Increase. Insanity is on the increase in lowa. This fact is borne out by the figures which have just been made public by on hand in the treasury. Iowa swine the board of control. There are now breeders have raised a protest against in the insane hospitals of the state the treatment which they have been 3,580 persons suffering from nervous accorded by the management. diseases, an increase of 278 over the total of last year. New cottages are being constructed at Clarinda and fered should be much larger. Cherokee, a fact which shows the forethought of the legislature and of the board of control. The number of inebriates is falling off, the total now in the hospitals being 81, as compared has just been received from Chicago, with 107 reported last year. A net increase of 100 is shown in the number of wards of the state. The total is now 7.884. Following is a tabulated statement of the balance of cash on hand

in the funds of the institutions:

Secretary Davidson, of the executive council has notified the county auditors that the census which is to be taken soon must be accurately recorded, and he sends with his warning a set of instructions for use of assessors, with the census, including live stock, cerning those who raise fowls, animals or produce, but who do not come under the classification of "farmer." For census purposes, a "farmer" is any individual owning and cultivating three

or more acres of land.

Big Marble Find Announced. The discovery of a vast deposit of rich marble which was made years ago by Clement L. Webster has recently Robinson, of Beccles, proves, Charles City marble, because of the Mr. Robinson claims to have invented rare quality of the latter. The marble a specially constructed wheel that in it as an article of commerce is used self offers sufficient resiliency and is a mainly in lithographing.

Culture Stations Half Complete. Henry Albert, in charge of the state bacteriological laboratory at lowa cirres he has a special set of his wh City, says that the system of bacteria on a nine horse-power car, and had culture stations throughout the state a distance of more than 2,000 miles at a is about half completed. Already 400 speed of 50 miles an hour without the stations report regularly and accord- tires requiring the slightest attention.

FRENCH AUTOS LOSE PALM

Favor Abroad-Trade Being Revolutionized.

Paris.-"Americans will be shipping tomobiles to Paris within three years," declared E. R. Thomas, the autooblie manufacturer, of Buffalo, in an

sterview here the other day. "Undoubtedly the French were ahead eds of construction.

man, there is room for as u Dr. Alburt declares that I employed in Iowa is the s best in the country, only of Vermont, surpassing it. A legislature Dr. Albert will in bill providing for the sim

Hope for Iowa Am Senator Titus, author of the Iowa bidecisions in like cases in the supr court of Wisconsin. Questions have been raised in the Badger state as to the validity of amendments and have always een decided in favor of the bill, he clares. The senstor came to Des Moines on business recently, and when interviewed on the question of testing the amendment, said he doubted if any such move could be made. When asked how he would meet the criticism that his measure was not submitted in proper form, he cited a case which was decided in the Wisconsin court, and declared that constitution is identical on the ques-tior. Mr. Titus says he does not consider the omission of the words "of lowa" worth the trouble which has been focused upon the deficiency.

Advance sheets of the state school re-

port have been given out by State Superintendent Riggs, and it is shown that there are fewer male teachers in Iowa than last year, and that the number of female teachers have increased 338 during the year. The average monthly wage of the women instructors has increased from \$32.60 to \$35.51 during the past twelvemonth. It is pointed out that there are 10,000 more teachers than there are rooms and the cost of supporting the schools this year is about a quarter of a million dollars more than it was in up the holders of extensive issues of 1903. Following is a summary of school

Items compared.
Number of rural schools
Rooms in town and city
schools.
Whole number of school 1903. 1904. 6,262 6,458 18,734 10,050 6,060 722,366 372,023 25,554 26,019 29,625 45.90 \$ 48.24 22.00 S 35.51 17,999 18,220 1,567 15,966 55.525 \$ 54,679 612,778 714,492 Average compensation county superint nd nts\$ 1.263 \$ 1.272

aries 6.242.935 \$ 6.55 For all other purposes, \$ 4.042,063 \$ 4,104.0 Total amount exp'nded \$10,284,989 \$10,696,692

Plan 1905 State Fair. Great plans are being made by the state department of agriculture for next year's state fair, and in addition to the swine pavillon, steel grand stand and breeders say that in view of the immensity of the industry the prizes of-

Ames Wins Judging Contest lows wins at the International Live Stock exposition! This announcement where the last exposition was held Bronze statues of a horse and steer were offered for horse, cattle, sheep and hog judging. Iowa agricultural college, of Ames, whose students were under the direction of Prof. Curtiss, carried the first honor in the horse judging contest, and thus covered their school and themselves with glory. A Canadian institu tion won second place with lowa's riva! the Michigan agricultural college, contenting itself with the third ribbon. The successful lows team was made up of E. B. Thomas James L. Cutter, J. D. Askby, J. A. McLean, R. K. Bliss and C. R. Scott. The bronze statue of a horse was award-

ed the victorious youths as a trophy of their skill. Iowan in High Position. Willet M. Hays, late of Ames college, has been appointed to the position of assistant secretary of agriculture at Washington, and has left this state for the capital. Prof. Hays now stands next to General data of the state is to be taken Wilson, secretary of agriculture, who is also an lowa man, and has almost reached the zenith of his career. Less than 20 years ago Prof. Hays did chores at Ames, and his rise has been of the

> WHEEL THAT ABSORBS HEAT Invention of Englishman That Solves Auto Difficulty-Cost of Tires Reduced to Minimum.

meteoric variety.

London.-If the invention of a Mr. been made public by the awarding of more extended tests, to be what he the gold medal to the company which thinks it is, it would seem that motorexhibited the stone at St. Louis. The ists will owe him a vote of thanks. Every corporation which owns the land on motorist knows that practically twowhich the deposit was found, is locat- thirds of the cost of the sport is in the ed at Charles City. This find is of na- tires, and as it has so far proven impos tional as well as state importance, as sible to use solid tires because of the the Floyd county product is declared fact that in high speed cars the friction to equal in quality the imported Ba- of the wheel with the road created a sufvarian article. A German magazine, ficient heat to contract the wheels and after one of its representatives had ex- allow the tire to run off, motorists have amined the lowa product at the expo-sition, said that the German stone as being the only thing that would stand must in time concede a place to the the strain and meet all requirements.

adjusted with springs as to take up a heat contraction due to high thus permitting the use of solid tires either steel or rubber. Mr. Robins

here is 15 cents an hour, at home it is 15 to 25 cents; but our workmen's superior quickness evens this. Since we adopted ench designs, beginning where they left off, we have been in a fair way to

We build 400 cars at once, on the chance of prospective orders, while the French build one at a time, following or-ders. The present demand here and at

Many men delight to play the heavy